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SUBJECT: MEETING OF US-CEC COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ON THE ENVIRONMENT

1. TO CONFIRM RECENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THOMPSON (EPA) AND CARPENTIER (CEC), DATES FOR MEETING OF US-CEC COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ON THE ENVIRONMENT ARE NOW MARCH 19-20 IN BRUSSELS, I.E. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING IN PARIS MARCH 16-18. WE UNDERSTAND MEETING SCHEDULED ADJOURN APPROXIMATELY MID-DAY SATURDAY MARCH 20.

2. LAST US-CEC MEETING IN JULY ESTABLISHED FOLLOWING AS POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS: PHOTOCHEMICAL OXIDANTS, REMOTE UNCLASSIFIED

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SENSING OF AIR POLLUTANTS, DRINKING WATER PROGRAMS, RELA-

TIONSHIP BETWEEN WATER HARDNESS AND PUBLIC HEALTH, RE-CYCLING, URBAN SPRAWL, ENDANGERED SPECIES AND PPP (REVIEW OF STATUS OF CURRENT STATE AIDS OFFERED BY US AND CEC). WE SERIOUSLY WONDER WHETHER ALL OF ABOVE TOPICS CAN BE COVERED IN ONE AND A HALF DAY MEETING. WE ARE CURRENTLY REVIEWING WITHIN USG STATE OF INTEREST IN THESE TOPICS (AND/OR ALTERNATIVE NEW ONES) AND PRIORITIES AMONG THEM. WOULD APPRECIATE CEC DOING SAME AND ADVISING US VIA US MISSION OF THEIR CURRENT THINKING ON AGENDA.

3. SPECIFICALLY ON SUBJECT OF DRINKING WATER PROGRAMS, AT TIME OF OCTOBER 1975 VISIT TO WASHINGTON, DR. JAN SMEETS OF THE HEALTH PROTECTION DIRECTORATE EXPRESSED WISH TO POSTPONE US-CEC DISCUSSIONS OF RESPECTIVE DRINKING WATER PROGRAMS. US EPA EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN MUTUAL DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM. IS CEC NOW PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS AT MARCH MEETING.

4. FURTHER INFORMATION FOR CEC WILL BE TRANSMITTED AS US PLANNING FOR MEETING PROCEEDS. KISSINGER

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